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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 LINKSMART WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY,
11 LLC,

12 Plaintiff(s),

13 v.

14 CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT
15 CORPORATION,

16 Defendant(s).

Case No.: 2:18-cv-00862-MMD-NJK

Order

17 Pending before the Court is a Stipulated Protective Order, which the Court approved to
18 facilitate discovery in this case. This order reminds counsel that there is a presumption of public
19 access to judicial files and records. A party seeking to file a confidential document under seal
20 must file a motion to seal and must comply with the Ninth Circuit's directives in *Kamakana v. City
and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006).¹

21 The Court has adopted electronic filing procedures. Attorneys must file documents under
22 seal using the Court's electronic filing procedures. *See* Local Rule IA 10-5. Papers filed with the
23 Court under seal must be accompanied with a concurrently-filed motion for leave to file those
24 documents under seal. *See* Local Rule IA 10-5(a).

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27 ¹ Sealing judicial filings is not an issue unique to patent law, so Ninth Circuit law applies
28 to any sealing requests made in this case. *See, e.g., Apple Inc. v. Samsung Elecs. Co.*, 722 F.3d
1214, 1220 (Fed. Cir. 2013).

1 The Court has approved the blanket protective order to facilitate discovery exchanges. But
2 **there has been no showing, and the Court has not found, that any specific documents are**
3 **secret or confidential**. The parties have not provided specific facts supported by declarations or
4 concrete examples to establish that a protective order is required to protect any specific trade secret
5 or other confidential information pursuant to Rule 26(c) or that disclosure would cause an
6 identifiable and significant harm. The Ninth Circuit has held that there is a presumption of public
7 access to judicial files and records, and that parties seeking to maintain the confidentiality of
8 documents attached to nondispositive motions must show good cause exists to overcome the
9 presumption of public access. *See Kamakana* 447 F.3d at 1179. Parties seeking to maintain the
10 secrecy of documents attached to dispositive motions must show compelling reasons sufficient to
11 overcome the presumption of public access. *Id.* at 1180. **All motions to seal must address the**
12 **applicable standard and explain why that standard has been met**. The fact that a court has
13 entered a blanket stipulated protective order and that a party has designated a document as
14 confidential pursuant to that protective order does not, standing alone, establish sufficient grounds
15 to seal a filed document. *See Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1133 (9th
16 Cir. 2003); *see also Beckman Indus., Inc. v. Int'l Ins. Co.*, 966 F.2d 470, 476 (9th Cir. 1992).

17 If the sole ground for a motion to seal is that the opposing party (or non-party) has
18 designated a document as subject to protection pursuant to the stipulated protective order, the
19 movant must notify the opposing party (or non-party) at least seven days prior to filing the
20 designated document. The designating party must then make a good faith determination if the
21 pertinent standard for sealing is met. To the extent the designating party does not believe the
22 pertinent standard for sealing can be met, it shall indicate that the document may be filed publicly
23 no later than four days after receiving notice of the intended filing. To the extent the designating
24 party believes the pertinent standard for sealing can be met, it shall provide a declaration
25 supporting that assertion no later than four days after receiving notice of the intended filing. The
26 filing party shall then attach that declaration to its motion to seal the designated material. If the
27 designating party fails to provide such a declaration in support of the motion to seal, the filing
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1 party shall file a motion to seal so indicating and the Court may order the document filed in the
2 public record.²

3 **IT IS ORDERED** that counsel shall comply with the requirements of Local Rule IA 10-
4 5, the Ninth Circuit's decision in *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d 1172, and the procedures outlined above,
5 with respect to any documents filed under seal. To the extent any aspect of the stipulated protective
6 order may conflict with this order or Local Rule IA 10-5, that aspect of the stipulated protective
7 order is hereby superseded with this order.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: October 2, 2018

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12 Nancy J. Koppe
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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26 ² In the event of an emergency motion or other instances of expedited briefing, the above
27 procedures shall not apply. Instead, the movant shall file a motion to seal and the designating party
28 shall file a declaration in support of that motion to seal within three days of its filing. If the
designating party fails to timely file such a declaration, the Court may order the document filed in
the public record.